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1. SUMMARY. PLO REGARDS U.S. PEACEMAKING ROLE AS "CONSECRATION OF ZIONIST PRESENCE AND ATTEMPT TO LIQUIDATE PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION," ACCORDING TO LEAD EDITORIAL IN PLO WEEKLY ORGAN APPEARING AUGUST 24. PFLP AND PDFLP, USING MORE RADICAL LANGUAGE, FOLLOW SAME LINE IN THEIR OWN WEEKLY ORGANS APPEARING AUGUST 23 AND 25. PRO-SYRIAN "ASH-SHARQ", CONTAINING ITS SERIES OF AMBIGUOUS EDITORIALS, ASKS ITSELF WHAT SECRETARY'S EFFORTS MEAN AND THEN REPLIES THAT "ONLY THOSE WHO ARE WELL-INFORMED CAN TELL." INDEPENDENT GOL-INSPIRED "AL-BAYRAQ" COMBINES WARNING RE AMERICAN INTENTIONS WITH EXPRESSION OF CONFIDENCE IN PRESIDENT SADAT. END SUMMARY.

2. PLO WEEKLY ORGAN "FILASTIN ATH-THAWRA" WRITES IN LEAD EDITORIAL AUGUST 24: "PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION IS CERTAIN, ON BASIS OF DEFINITE INFORMATION IT HAS COMPILED AND THOROUGH UNCLASSIFIED

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ANALYSIS OF ALL THAT IS TAKING PLACE, THAT ROLE U.S. IS

PLAYING IS A CONSECRATION OF ZIONIST PRESENCE AND ITS
OCCUPATION OF OUR LAND AND HOMES AND AN ATTEMPT TO LIQUIDATE
PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION AND STRIKE AT ASPIRATIONS AND
RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION APPEALS
TO OUR NATION TO STAND WITH IT AT THIS DANGEROUS AND DIFFICULT
TIME, AS IT FACES THIS CONTINUOUS AGGRESSION
AGAINST OUR PEOPLE AND CAUSE. AT SAME TIME, IT STRONGLY
URGES ALL FORCES AND ORGANIZATIONS OF PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION
TO ... UNIFY EFFORTS AND INTENSIFY WORK TO DRAW UP CONFRONTATION
PLANS FOR PURPOSE OF FOILING ALL THREADS OF CONSPIRACY
AGAINST OUR PEOPLE AND CAUSE."

3. IN SIMILAR BUT MORE RADICALLY PHRASED COMMENT, PFLP
WEEKLY ORGAN "AL-HADAF" WRITES IN LEAD EDITORIAL AUGUST 23:
"THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT WHAT IS NOW HAPPENING IS MOST
SERIOUS THING ARAB STRUGGLE HAS EVER HAD TO FACE. AT
THIS STAGE, LIQUIDATIONIST SETTLEMENT HAS BEGUN TO... PUT
NOOSE AROUND NECK OF PALESTINIAN CAUSE AND TO STRENGTHEN
STAGING AREAS FOR CRUSHING PHYSICAL EXISTENCE OF ARAB
LIBERATION MOVEMENT, WITH PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE IN
FOREFRONT.... LET US STRUGGLE TO IMPOSE UNITED REVOLUTIONARY
PALESTINIAN POSITION TO REJECT SETTLEMENT."

4. PDFLP WEEKLY ORGAN "AL-HURRIYYA" ECHOES ABOVE SENTIMENTS IN
LEAD EDITORIAL AUGUST 25: "IN ORDER TO DEFEND NATIONAL RIGHTS AND
ACHIEVEMENTS, LIMIT EFFECTS AND RESULTS OF THIS SURRENDERIST
DEVIATION FROM REVOLUTION AND ITS POSITIONS, AND PREVENT ANY
ARAB FORCE IN AREA FROM IMITATING SADAT'S POLICY, IT IS
PALESTINIAN NATIONAL DUTY TO RESIST SADAT'S AGREEMENT....
ALL OTHER ARAB REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATIONS AND FORCES JOIN
WITH PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION IN WAGING THIS SOCIO-POLITICAL
BATTLE AGAINST NATIONAL ABANDONMENT OF OCCUPIED LANDS."

5. CONTINUING SERIES OF AMBIGUOUS EDITORIALS APPEARING
IN PRO-SYRIAN "ASH-SHARQ", COLUMNIST MUHAMMAD KAFI WRITES
AUGUST 25: "AGAIN WE ASK -- WHAT DOES KISSINGER'S
PROGRESS IN HIS PEACE EFFORTS MEAN? DOES IT MEAN SUCCESS
OF AMERICAN POLICY OF STRIKING ARAB SOLIDARITY, DIVIDING
ARAB CAUSE, AND SQUANDERING PALESTINIAN PEOPLE'S RIGHTS?
OR DOES IT MEAN THAT KISSINGER WILL BE REHABILITATED BY
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WORKING MIRACLES AFTER PREVIOUS FAILURES? ONLY THOSE
WHO ARE WELL-INFORMED CAN TELL. WHAT IS SURE, HOWEVER,
IS THAT WE MUST REMAIN AWAKE, UNIFY OUR ACTION, AND
PREPARE TO FACE ANY EVENTUALITY."

6. SA'ID NASIR AD-DIN WRITES IN INDEPENDENT GOL-INSPIRED
"AL-BAYRAQ" AUGUST 25: "SADAT UNDOUBTEDLY KNOWS WHAT IS
HIDDEN BEHIND KISSINGER'S SMILE AND WILL NOT BE MISLED

BY HIS SWEET TALK. AMERICA'S POLICY OF BACKING ISRAEL
AND SHATTERING ARAB SOLIDARITY HAS NOT CHANGED AT ALL....
WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT ALL OF SADAT'S POSITIONS STEM
FROM HIS GENUINE NATIONALISM AND ARABISM. HE WILL ACCEPT
NO POLITICAL GAIN THAT FAILS TO LIVE UP TO OCTOBER
TRIUMPH AND ARAB PEOPLE'S EXPECTATIONS."
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